(d) whether it is a fact that the action of his Ministry is in contravention of the statute;

(e) if so, whether any steps have been taken to reconsider the whole matter;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether it is a fact that his Ministry does not enjoy any absolute powers which have not been conferred by Parliament; and

(h) if so, on what grounds the proceedings were dropped?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) No Notification is necessary in such cases.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (h) Approval of appropriate authority had been obtained for dropping the proceedings.

Price fixation of Streptomycin

1404. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prices of Streptomycin which have been fixed under DPCO, 1987;

(b) on what basis the prices of Streptomycin have been fixed for Synbiotics;

(c) what is the basis of fixing the weighted average price and what is the quantity of production that has been taken into consideration for each producer;

(d) in what way this price fixation would help the consumer or the public sector undertakings; and

(e) whether this system would give unintended benefit to Synbiotics?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The price of Streptomycin Sulphate fixed under DPCO, 1987 is as follows:

M/s. Synbiotics	Rs. 1049.00 kg.
M/s. IDPL	Rs. 1147.00/kg.
M/s. HAL	Rs. 1147.00/kg.
M/s. Alembic Chemicals Works Co. Ltd	Rs. 1147.00/kg.

The price for fixing the formulations is Rs. 1049.00 per kg.

(b) The price for M/s. Synbiotics has been fixed equal to the weighted average price for formulation.

(c) The weighted price was fixed based on the ratio of 35:65 with reference to the prices of M/s. Synbiotics and M/s. HAL & M/s. IDPL, respectively.

(d) The price increase in the formulations will be 2.12 per cent only.

(e) No, Sir.

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Drug prices charged by M/s. Pfizer Limited

1406. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3286 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of products on which M/s. Pfizer Limited undercharged the prices from the consumer;

(b) what were the prices approved for each by his Ministry and what was the price printed on the lable which consumers paid;

(c) whether it is a fact that Pfizer overcharged the prices of around 15 products based of Uxytetracycline including Veterinary products which were under price control under OPCO, 1979;

(d) if so, what was the price approved for each and what price was charged; and

(e) what is the break up of amount assessed in respect of liability on Oxytetracycline and its formulations and PAS Sodium and its formulations separately?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

New telephone exchange at Bhandup, Bombay

1407. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1462 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1988 and state:

(a) where exactly the new electronic exchange will be set up at Bhandup in Bombay;

(b) what will the exact area to be served by this exchange;

(c) what will be the capacity of this exchange; and

(d) pending the completion of this exchange, what relief will be given to the wait-listed applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The proposed electronic exchange at Bhandup will be set up in the land under acquisition in village Kanjur in Bhandup (West) on Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg.

(b) The exchange will serve the area now forming part of Powai and Mulund Exchanges.

(c) The capacity of this exchange will be 14,000 lines in 1994-95. This will be expanded by 10,000 lines in 1995-96.

(d) The wait listed subscribers will be provided relief by installing Remote Line Units (RLUs) at rented/leased building in the area.

New telephone lines in Eastern suburbs of Bombay

1408. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1460 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1988 and state:

(a) the exact details of exchange area-wise for release of new telephone lines in various categories in the Eastern Suburbs of Bombay in the years 1988-89 and 1989-90; and

(b) what are the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.